

## My Beloved Is Mine

דודי לי ואני לו הרעה בשושנים

*Dodi li va'ani lo, Ha'ro'eh ba'shoshanim*

My beloved is mine and I am his. He pastures among the lilies.

(Song of Songs 2:16)

With this practice, I am asserting the truth of mutuality. We belong to one another. The Divine Mystery is giving itself to me to explore, nurture, and embrace. I make myself vulnerable to his gaze, his touch, his searching interest in the inner beauty of my soul. I open to the God's loving attention and in opening I can know myself truly.

And this sense of mutuality can extend to all my relations, as I acknowledge the *Tzelem Elohim*, the Divine image, that is engraved in the heart of all Creation.